

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004 with shortened statutory response period ending on March 17, 2004. Therefore, this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 02-1818. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above Amendments and Remarks below.

Election/Restriction:

Claims 43-134 are pending in this Application. The Examiner has entered an Election/Restriction requirement requiring Applicants to select for prosecution one of two groups of claims.

- I. Claims 46-89 and 131-134, drawn to an element.
- II. Claims 90-130, drawn to a method of making an element.

Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse, namely claims 46-89 and 131-134.

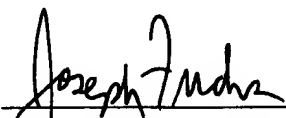
Applicants respectfully request that the non-elected claims be re-added upon a finding of Allowability of the claims of Group I. Until that time the claims of Groups II are withdrawn.

Should the claims of Groups II not be re-added into the present application, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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